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GERMANS ATTEMPT TO FLANK VERDUN

Have Succeeded in Getting Through Avocourt Wood to the West

FRENCH ARE CONTESTING A FURTHER ADVANCE

If Teutons Are Successful French in the Region of Le Mort Homme Would be Jeopardized—So Great Has Been the Counter-Offensive of the French That the Germans Are Being Held Hard to Their Newly Gained Lines—Russians Continue Successful Offensive Against the Germans Near Lake Naroch and Against the Austrians Near the Village of Mikhaltche, in Galicia—Conflicts on the Austro-Italian Line Are in Progress, With No Important Changes Chronicled.

In their attempts to flank Verdun on the west the Germans have succeeded in working their way through the Malancourt wood and the Avocourt wood have begun a heavy bombardment of the village of Enes, about eight miles northwest of Verdun, and Hill 304 which lies about a mile and a half north of Enes.

The French, however, are vigorously contesting a further advance eastward, which not alone would bring the German line nearer the fortress, but, spreading fan-like northward, would put in jeopardy the French in the region of Le Mort Homme.

So great has been the counter-offensive of the French since they after debouching from the woods, the Germans were unable to launch an infantry attack and presumably are being held hard to their newly gained lines.

To the north and east of Verdun the cannonading has been very intermittent. In the Argonne Forest, in Lorraine and in upper Alsace the French guns have been active against German positions. On the river Somme the Germans entered a British trench but immediately were driven out. There has been lively fighting between the Russians and the Germans west of Jacobstadt, along the Dvina river and in the Lake region between

Dvinsk and Vilna with the Russians generally on the offensive. While Berlin reports these attacks as having been repulsed with heavy losses, the admission is made that a German salient near Naroch was withdrawn in order to escape the encircling of the Russians.

Near Butskesski, midway between Dvinsk and Vilna, the Russians have captured advanced German trenches and just south of Dvinsk, in the region of Novo Alexandrovsk, have repulsed a German counter-attack on positions taken at Velikoleselo.

Jetrograd says that in the capture of the Austrian bridgehead near the village of Mikhaltche, in Galicia, most of its defenders were killed in hand-to-hand fighting.

The Russians in the Caucasus have thrown their line several miles nearer Trebizond on the Black Sea coast after further fighting with the Turks.

Heavy fighting continues between the Austrians and the Italians along the greater part of the Austro-Italian line, especially on the front from Rovereto to the Gorizia heights. No important changes in positions have taken place. A successful night attack by Austro-Hungarian aviators has been carried out against the port and barracks of Avlona, Albania, according to Vienna.

SERIOUSNESS OF THE FREIGHT BLOCKADE

New England Factories Closing—Unable to Get Supplies.

New York, March 21.—Because of the seriousness of the freight blockade in New England, where factories are reported to be closing because of their inability to obtain coal and other supplies, the committee of railroad executives working with the Interstate Commerce Commission E. E. Clarke, announced tonight that it would send a group of experts to New England cities tomorrow to study the situation at close range and devise remedies.

Reports also have been ordered from every railroad in the eastern congested territory, showing the condition of their lines as of midnight on Monday. It is expected that this information will soon be tabulated for a meeting of the full committee, called for Thursday.

To relieve the shortage of box cars in the middle West, which is being greatly needed for the movement of supplies has begun from eastern points. It is hoped to release a large proportion of the 100,000 cars now being held up in eastern territory.

To aid in raising the blockade, which the association says is seriously interfering with the foreign commerce of this port, an appeal has been issued to all shippers to use common sense in dealing with the situation and not to complicate matters by demanding more cars than they need.

BRANCHVILLE FRESH AIR ASSOCIATION SUE

By the Life Publishing Company of New York.

Bridgeport, Conn., March 21.—Attorney General George E. Hinman today brought suit on behalf of Life Publishing company of New York against the Branchville Fresh Air association of Branchville, Conn., to recover \$7,500 alleged to have been withheld by the Branchville association. This money was left to the Branchville association as trustee by the late Edwin Gilbert of Ridgefield, who desired that the funds should be used to maintain Life's fresh air farm in Branchville.

BROKER ALBERT P. MILLER INDICTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Charged With Converting Funds Entrusted to His Care.

Providence, R. I., March 21.—Albert P. Miller, Jr., an investment broker of this city, who was arrested in Boston two months ago on a charge of converting funds entrusted to his care, was indicted today for embezzlement. At the time of Miller's arrest the police stated that the amount of the alleged embezzlement would exceed \$200,000. Eleven indictments were returned against him.

PARTY ENROLLMENT IN STATE PRIMARIES

Favored by Massachusetts Legislative Committee on Election Laws.

NO NEWS FROM TROOPS IN MEXICO

Nothing Known of Result of Battle Between Carranza and Villa Forces.

El Paso, Tex., March 21.—In the absence of any news from either General Pershing or General Gaviro, there was nothing left today but conjecture as to the result of the fighting between Carranza and Villa forces, said to have occurred near Namiquipa. There was a strong belief that Villa was not personally involved in whatever fighting had occurred. It seemed reasonably certain that Carranza's chief could not have been at Namiquipa, and at the various places at which he was placed in advance to General Gaviro during the battle.

If it is true that Villa clashed at Namiquipa with Carranza troops in a general battle in which he was defeated, it appears highly probable that by this time his followers have come in contact with the American columns.

The advance guard of the Americans was reported to have been only a few miles from Namiquipa. It is not believed, however, that Villa would risk a fight with General Pershing's troops, but instead would split his men into small parties and indulge in his favorite guerrilla tactics.

In spite of reassuring reports from Washington, that no landing was to take place in the tension along the border, no weakening in the freely expressed belief that there was serious disaffection among the Carranza troops.

THIRTY BUSINESS BLOCKS BURNED AT PARIS, TEX.

Loss Estimated at \$2,000,000, With Fire Not Under Control.

Paris, Tex., March 21.—The starting near the Paris cotton compress late this afternoon had very morning to the heart of the city and up to nine o'clock thirty blocks of business houses had been destroyed. The fire spread rapidly and the loss was estimated at \$2,000,000.

The flames made a clean sweep of the business district of the city, burning for several blocks wide, extending to the public square, when a heavy rainstorm arrested the course of the fire temporarily.

A survey of the business district at 10:30 o'clock tonight showed only 15 blocks still standing. The fire was still burning, having passed the public square into the north side residential district.

MISSOURI DEMOCRATS ENDORSE PRESIDENT WILSON

Among the Delegates Are Senators Stone and Reed and Speaker Clark.

Cabled Reports

Dr. Leon La, French Surgeon, Dead Paris, March 21, 5:10 p. m.—Dr. Leon La, widely known French surgeon, member of the Institute of France and of the Academy of Medicine, is dead.

PROVIDENCE DEPUTIES OVERPOWERED BY PRISONERS

Shot One and Beat the Other Into Unconsciousness—Six Still at Liberty.

Providence, R. I., March 21.—While Deputy Sheriffs Tillinghast and Colvin were escorting 31 prisoners, including one woman, from the detention county courthouse in this city to the prison in Cranston today, the prisoners overpowered the two deputies, shot Tillinghast and beat Colvin into unconsciousness. Sixteen of the 31 then took to the woods about a mile from the prison.

The remaining 15 cared for Tillinghast as best they could and then drove the van in which they were being transported to the prison, where they gave themselves up.

Sheriff Wilcox at once sent parties through the woods and at 6 o'clock tonight five of the prisoners were returned to the prison, while later tonight five more were locked up in suburban stations.

Nineteen of the men with the revolvers taken from the sheriffs had been captured, however.

Tillinghast was removed to the Rhode Island hospital where X-ray was taken of the wound. The bullet struck him high in the left shoulder and passed up into his neck. At the hospital it is stated his condition is dangerous.

REAR ADMIRAL FISKE SNMMONED TO APPEAR

At House Naval Committee Hearings on Naval Appropriation Bill.

Washington, March 21.—Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, aide for operations, whose testimony is relied upon by critics of existing conditions in the navy to support their views, was summoned today to appear at a hearing when the house naval committee resumes hearings on the naval appropriation bill.

Chairman Padgett and other members of the committee opposed to calling Admiral Fiske, holding that his opinions were recorded fully enough when he testified before the committee a year ago before he resigned as aide for operations. Representative Britten of Illinois, insisted upon hearing the admiral, however, and criticized the attitude of the chairman.

Chairman Padgett predicted today that the hearings on the naval bill would be held before April 1st and the bill would be laid before the house within two weeks afterwards. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt will testify Friday and Monday and the committee will tell the committee about the actual operation of submarines. Secretary Daniels will be the late witness.

TRAIN BLOWN FROM TRACKS DURING A CYCLONE

Four Miles East of Marion, Ind.—25 Persons Injured.

Marion, Ind., March 21.—Cleveland passenger train No. 5, the "Commercial Traveler," was blown from the tracks, four miles east of Marion tonight during a cyclone which passed through this vicinity about 11 o'clock tonight. The train was overturned and wrecked while going at a high rate of speed. It was reported that physicians have gone to the scene. Details are slow in coming in on account of commotion and destruction.

The train consisted of five cars, two of which were turned over, the other being tilted at an angle of twenty-five degrees. The engine and tender stayed on the track and the engine driver and fireman brought them into Marion. It was reported that about 25 persons were injured.

STRIKE OF BAKERS NATIONAL BISCUIT CO.

Opened With a Scene of Violence in New York Yesterday.

New York, March 21.—A strike of bakers at the factories of the National Biscuit Co. today opened with a scene of violence which required police reserves to quiet. The plant employs 2,500 persons, but the company says less than 100 are working. The strikers, who are unorganized, demand a minimum weekly wage of \$11 for men and \$9 for women. Their leaders claim to be the work officers of the company asserted that the trouble did not interfere today with the operation of the plant.

REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS IN CHINA SEND CABLEGRAM

Force of 16,000 Men Are Attacking Province of Kwantung.

San Francisco, March 21.—Officials of the Chinese Republic Association here today received a cablegram from revolutionary leaders in China declaring that a force of 16,000 revolutionaries under General Lu Yung-Ting, military governor of Kwantung, is en route to attack the province of Kwantung. The commercial society of the attacked province has implored its military government to declare Kwantung independent of the rule of Yuan Shi Kai, according to the cablegram.

According to officials of the association, six provinces—Yunnan, Kweichow, Szechuen, Hunan, Kwangsi and Kiangsi—are now in revolt. The attacked province of Kwantung is practically surrounded by these.

BODY OF MAN FOUND UNDER SNOW AT AUBURN

Skull Crushed and Stab Wounds in Heart—His Companions Missing.

Auburn, Mass., March 21.—The body of a man supposed to be Naleto Flore, of Springfield, was found this afternoon beneath a covering of snow in the Commonsview district.

The skull was crushed and there were stab wounds in the heart, the cheek and the left side.

Flore had been living in a shack with four other men employed by the New England Construction company. All of his companions are missing. It is supposed the murder was committed Sunday as none of the men have been seen about the place since Sunday.

House to Vote on Army Bill Today

THREE AMENDMENTS TO HAY MEASURE ADOPTED

ONE BY MR. TILLSON

The Most Important Amendment Was for the Establishment of a Reserve Officers' Training School.

Washington, March 21.—Although rapid progress was made in the house today with the Hay army increase bill, it was found impossible to reach a vote before adjournment. It may be passed tomorrow, calendar Wednesday, having been set aside to permit its uninterrupted consideration.

Bill in Senate Today.

In the senate chairman Chamberlain today the military committee now plans to call up his army bill tomorrow. He had expected the house bill to be completed today and was waiting for the senate to act on it. The time would be saved by attempting to take up the senate measure at once through similar amendment by Representative Hay. With one exception they were approved by Chairman Hay of the military committee.

Discharge of Efficient Soldiers.

Representative Kahn, ranking minority member of the committee, to permit efficient regular soldiers to be discharged, but it is understood that when the committee meets again next Tuesday, Mr. Marshall will be called if he makes formal request.

A letter from Mr. Marshall explaining that his recent criticisms of the investigators were directed only at the hearing here and in New York, was laid before the committee today by Chairman Webb. It was understood that the new plan was approved and declined to accept the explanation as satisfactory. Several are said to have advocated summoning Mr. Marshall before the bar of the house.

ROCKY HILL POSTMASTER MENTALLY SHATTERED

When Presented in Court for Appropriating Government Money.

Hartford, Conn., March 21.—Arrested today on a charge of converting \$65 of the government's money to his own use, Edward A. Peck, who has been postmaster at Rocky Hill since Oct. 1, was brought to Hartford this afternoon. He appeared to be mentally shattered when he was arraigned before United States Commissioner R. F. Carroll.

For his client, Attorney S. N. Dunn, was asked the permission to ask that a commission be appointed to inquire into the man's sanity. This will undoubtedly be done. Commissioner Carroll has named a man for the next term of the federal court.

NEW PLAN FOR ADMISSION TO COLLEGES FOR GIRLS

Adopted by Smith, Holyoke, Vassar and Wellesley Colleges.

Northampton, Mass., March 21.—A new method of admission has been adopted by Smith, Holyoke, Vassar and Wellesley colleges. It was adopted at a meeting of the four colleges held here today. Under the plan an applicant must have a school record covering her entire record, and a recommendation from the principal of her school, and a certificate of character from the principal of her school, and must take four examinations in selected subjects before she can be admitted to one of the colleges. The new plan was adopted after a series of conferences between committees from the four colleges.

ORDER EXILING CATHOLIC CLERGY FROM SONORA

Priests Given Only Two Days to Leave the State.

Nogales, Ariz., March 21.—A general order exiling the Catholic clergy from the Sonora district of Mexico is being enforced here. The order, issued by the governor of Sonora on March 20, gives the priests only two days to leave the state.

Friends of the churchmen asked that the order be rescinded, but were told that the decree could not be altered, though an extension of time for the departure of the clergy might be allowed.

PRINCETON PROFESSOR TO JOIN SCOTTISH REGIMENT

Fifth Member of the Faculty to Join Entente Troops.

New York, March 21.—Norman Kemp Smith, professor of philosophy at Princeton university, and now in New York, has been called to join the Scottish regiment and is going to the front to fight for Great Britain. With him were his wife and two daughters. He is said to be the fifth member of the Princeton faculty to join the forces of the entente allies.

Has Handled \$25,000,000,000.

Washington, March 21.—Alfred R. Quail, vault clerk of the United States treasury, who has handled somewhere in the neighborhood of \$25,000,000,000 in 50 years of service, today celebrated his 90th birthday.

Alleged Violations of Revenue Law

BY MANUFACTURERS OF CIGARS AND CIGARETTES IN NEW YORK

90 WARRANTS ISSUED

Charges Came Principally From Accused Manufacturers Who Declare They Have Been Paying Agents.

New York, March 21.—Charges of collusion between agents of the internal revenue department and manufacturers of cigars and cigarettes who are alleged to have been evading the law, have been brought to the attention of government officials, it became known tonight in connection with the arrests here of manufacturers accused of misusing or failing to use internal revenue stamps. Government of justice officers are conducting the crusade against such charges were being investigated.

Ninety warrants issued.

Ninety warrants had been issued up to tonight for alleged violations of the internal revenue laws and forty-seven persons had been arrested. Each of the accused was held in \$1,500 bail for the federal grand jury.

The charges of collusion have come principally from the accused manufacturers, some of whom are said to have declared they had been paying agents for "protection" against prosecution.

Others expressed amazement at being arrested and their property seized for conducting their business as they had for years in a way they said they had come to believe was permitted by the government.

Going on For Years.

Officials of the department of internal revenue and of the department of justice asserted violations of the law had been going on for years and declared the government had been defrauded of millions of dollars in fees.

Not only the government but the consumers have been defrauded according to L. G. Nott, collector of internal revenue. At some of the factories raided, the government said, cigars, which originally had contained expensive imported cigars but which had been re-filled with an inferior material made on the East Side. These cigars, he said, were sold over the counter as the genuine imported product. Most of them bore clever imitations of the bands of popular high class cigars.

MARRIED MEN OF BRITAIN REPLY TO EARL OF DERBY

Demand the Enrollment of Every Unmarried Man First.

London, March 21, 8:45 p. m.—The General council of married men of Britain today in a brief reply given today by the Earl of Derby to a deputation of married men who had been made on the East Side. The deputation urged the substitution of military service as an alternative to the existing system. Lord Derby added:

"No matter whether married or single, every man should be prepared to defend his country."

The director of recruiting explained that every effort was being made to recruit men from military and other work, but the immediate release of all single men, he said, would discriminate both the munitions supplies and the new recruits of the country as married men would need training in order to take their places.

PROTEST SINKING OF AUSTRIAN HOSPITAL SHIP

Action Taken by Austro-Hungarian Red Cross.

Berlin, March 21, (by Wireless to "Frederick," N. Y.)—The Austro-Hungarian Red Cross has protested through the International Red Cross committee against the sinking of the Austro-Hungarian hospital ship "Elek," in the Adriatic sea by an entente vessel, says the Overseas News Agency.

"Elek" says the news agency, "requests that the Austro-Hungarian Red Cross be notified of the sinking of the hospital ship and that the Austro-Hungarian Red Cross be notified of the sinking of the hospital ship."

OPENING OF SIBERIAN PORT WILL HELP RUSSIA

Will Allow Importation of Goods from the United States.

New York, March 21.—The Russian port of Nikolaievsk at the mouth of the Amur river in Siberia will be opened for navigation June 14, providing a new channel for the importation of goods from the United States, the American-Russian chamber of commerce in this city was informed by a cable message received today from Moscow. The opening of the new port is expected to greatly facilitate shipments to Russia because of the traffic congestion at Vladivostok resulting from the unloading there of enormous quantities of war munitions and other government supplies.

Movements of Steamships

Copenhagen, March 21.—Arrived, steamer Frederick VIII, New York.

New York, March 21.—Sailed, steamer Noordam, Falmouth and Rotterdam.

Naples, March 21.—Arrived, steamer Bergen, March 21.—Arrived, steamer Kristianstad, New York.

A state "Roosevelt for President League" was launched at Helena, Mont., after a conference attended by Montana republicans and progressive. J. T. Stanford of Great Falls was chosen president.

Condensed Telegrams

The demand for nickel for commercial purposes is the largest in history.

One hundred men volunteered as members of the proposed Harvard Aero Corps.

European governments are again buying horses for war purposes in Oklahoma.

The Carranza Government is turning back to its owners the Mexico Tramways Co.

Patrick Ring, a patient at Bellevue hospital, jumped into the East River and was drowned.

The Twenty-fourth Infantry stationed at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, was ordered to the border.

The entente allies have promised Belgium she will be invited to participate in the peace negotiations.

Miss Eliza Wentworth Merrill, who celebrated her 105th birthday on December 31, died at Gray, Me.

Captain Dewar, son of Lord Dewar, Secretary of the College of Justice of Scotland, has been killed in action.

Bringing 160 passengers and 3,000 bags of mail, the steamer Orduna arrived at New York from Liverpool.

Four midshipmen were dismissed from the Naval Academy, three for drinking and one for gross disobedience.

The White Star steamships Baltic, Adriatic and Cedric will serve as Canadian troop ships on their next trip to England.

The plant of the Crocker Mantel and Tile Co., at Providence, R. I., was damaged by fire, the loss being estimated at \$50,000.

Two more injured American soldiers arrived at Columbus, N. M., from Mexico. One was wounded in the leg and one blinded.

Louis Johnson and Irving Davidson, prisoners in the reformatory at Hart Island, New York, escaped from the island in a stolen rowboat.

Federal Judge Mayer allowed Walter Noyes \$42,000 for services rendered as receiver for the Rock Island Railroad, from Jan. 15, 1915, to date.

Three indictments charging assault with intent to kill and murder were returned in the criminal court by the grand jury against Jean Cronas.

Four negro children, trapped in a day nursery run by Mrs. E. H. Hendricks in Harlem, were burned to death when the tenement caught fire.

Dr. Lauro S. Mueller, Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs, refused to deny or affirm the report of Brazil's seizure of interned German ships.

Total shipments of fresh and cured meats from Chicago last week were \$3,830,000, compared with \$4,628,000 pounds the previous week.

A bulletin issued by the Illinois Department of Agriculture places the condition of winter wheat on March 15, at 65, against 74 on March 1.

The giant Cunard liner Mauretania is reported to be in Liverpool undergoing repairs and retitting for the resumption of the passenger trade.

Clothed in the faded Confederate uniform he wore as one of Morran's men in the Civil War, Captain David Tandy was buried at Hopkinsville, Ky.

The body of Robert McNeely, American consul at Aden, a Persian Gulf port, was buried at Alexandria, Egypt.

Colonel William A. Glasford, chief signal officer of the Western Department, was ordered to proceed to San Diego, to take command of the aviation school there.

The E. W. Bliss Co., of Brooklyn, manufacturers of war munitions, increased its earnings available for common dividends for the year 1915 by more than 60 per cent.

Great Britain's refusal to allow the use of explosives in the diamond mines of South Africa has resulted in the indefinite postponement of the reopening of the mines.

Prince Regent Alexander of Serbia declared at Rome that nearly 1,000,000 of Serbia's 6,000,000 people have met death in war, by starvation, or in the recent typhus epidemic.

The school has been closed at Fabens, a border town 20 miles to the east of El Paso, and all American civilians have been ordered to leave by American military authorities.

About 1,500 men employed in making war munitions at the works of the Richmond, Va., Locomotive Works have been laid off. The company will resume the building of locomotives.

The house rejected a proposal by Representative Anthony, republican of Kansas, to recruit an additional infantry regiment in Porto Rico for service in the Panama Canal zone or elsewhere.

Public offices and many private establishments of Mexico City were closed in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the birth of Benito Juarez, the great Mexican reformer and former president.

TROOP TRAIN WENT OVER A PRECIPICE

Fifty Mexican Troopers Killed and More Than 100 Wounded.

Scope of Chase For Villa Widens

MORE TROOPS WILL BE NEEDED TO EXTEND OPERATIONS

AND PREVENT RAIDS

Wireless Communication With the Expeditionary Force Was at a Standstill Last Night.

San Antonio, Tex., March 21.—The scope of the chase for Villa has grown larger than even many military men believed it would. It was pointed out that if it became necessary to extend the operations much more, it might be necessary to move into the field almost all the remaining available forces of the regular army, eliminating, however, some 30,000 men now in the southern department, on duty in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, along the border. General Funston explained today.

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BRITISH VICE CONSUL ENGAGES A BOX CAR

To Carry Foreign Women and Children from Torreon to American Border.

Torreon, Mexico,